

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

JUL 21 1955

The Honorable Dennis Chavez, Chairman  
Department of Defense Subcommittee  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In Mr. Dulles' absence from the City, I am forwarding herewith a proposed amendment which we would appreciate your Subcommittee considering in lieu of the language contained in Chapter III of H. R. 7278, the Supplemental Appropriations bill presently before your Subcommittee.

As the Director testified before your Subcommittee on 15 July, CIA was unable to make a firm recommendation as to the proposed location for its new headquarters installation when we appeared before the House Appropriations Committee, because the Congress had not completed action on the Military Construction Bill, Title IV of which authorized this construction. However, with the passage of the Military Construction Bill, we were able to testify before your Committee that CIA would prefer to locate its headquarters installation on Government-owned land at Langley, Virginia. In order for us to utilize this site, it becomes necessary to insure that the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, authorized by Title IV of P. L. 161, will be completed from its present terminus to the Langley site at the same time that our own installation is ready for occupancy. Of the total estimated cost of \$8.5 million for the Parkway extension, \$4 million is essential for acquisition of right of way and construction during the present fiscal year so that we can be certain of the use of the Langley site for planning purposes. While it is not impossible to modify detail plans and specifications for one site so as to make them adaptable to another, certainly the site is an extremely important factor in such planning.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the amount of \$3 million approved by the House Appropriations Committee be increased to \$7 million to provide for, in addition to the development of detail plans and specifications, the acquisition of land and the starting of construction of

the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway to the Langley site. In the alternative, if the Committee feels that funds should not be appropriated at this time for the Parkway extension, appropriation of not to exceed \$1 million for acquisition of a site elsewhere is requested, in addition to the \$3 million for plans and specifications.

Although the House Committee recommended that \$3 million be appropriated from prior-year, unobligated balances, it is understood that they would prefer a direct appropriation for additional funds in connection with this project. Accordingly, it is recommended that \$7 million be made available by a direct appropriation, rather than through the use of unobligated balances.

The Bureau of the Budget had approved the use of unobligated balances in its original submission of appropriations language to the House for this project. However, in view of the feeling of members of the House Appropriations Committee on this matter, Mr. Hughes, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, has written a letter to Mr. Dulles, dated 21 July 1955, stating that there is no objection to our request for a direct appropriation at this time of not to exceed \$7 for the purposes indicated. Mr. Hughes' letter is attached.

Respectfully yours,

L. K. White  
Deputy Director

Attachments

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Dulles:

This is to inform you that the Bureau of the Budget has no objection to the Central Intelligence Agency requesting the Senate to grant a direct appropriation for the fiscal year 1956 for the initial cost of the development of a CIA headquarters installation and the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway as authorized by Title IV of the Act of July 15, 1955 (P.L. 161), provided that such request shall not exceed \$7 million.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Rowland Hughes

Director

Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

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For the preparation of detail plans and specifications of a Central Intelligence Agency headquarters installation and for other purposes as authorized by Title IV of the Act of July 15, 1955 (P.L. 161), to remain available until expended \$7,000,000, of which \$4,000,000 shall be available for transfer to the National Capital Planning Commission and to the Department of the Interior for acquisition of land and construction to extend the George Washington Memorial Parkway; PROVIDED, That if it is determined such headquarters installation will not be constructed at the Research Station of the Bureau of Public Roads at Langley, Fairfax County, Virginia, not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall be available from such \$4,000,000 for acquisition of land for the site of the headquarters installation. ✱